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Operations

GROSSBAHN - Vehicle Procurement

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1. We have been attempting since taking GROSSBAHN over to devise a means of procuring a vehicle for him. His efficiency and that of his case officer suffer by his lack of personal transportation, meeting arrangements are less flexible and less secure, and his freedom and scope of movement is seriously hampered. Unfortunately, Austrian tax and import regulations are so stringent that there appears to be no way out. He can not purchase a vehicle without facing tax authorities' questions on where the funds came from, non-Austrians are forbidden to give automobiles to Austrians, purchase in Germany is out for the same reasons. This is doubly unfortunate since Salzburg Base occasionally has vehicles which have worn down to pretty much of a nub and are surplus to the station T/E. We would be delighted to transfer one such vehicle to GROSSBAHN, but cannot devise the method for doing so.

2. Recently GROSSBAHN had an opportunity to rent a somewhat aged but still competent Opel for a year or longer from a Salzburg resident who is leaving the country for an undetermined period. The rental proposed was AS 500 monthly, plus insurance and taxes. The taxes for a car older than 1942 are around AS 400 annually, and insurance—depending on the car and the coverage—between AS 1,200 and AS 2,400 yearly. This adds up to approximately \$26.00, which admittedly is an expensive solution. However, this is a good half what renting a car commercially would amount to, and in the absence of a means of transferring a vehicle to him the savings in his time and that of his case officer should represent a substantial saving for the organization. This opportunity got away from us before we could request approval, and it is not likely that too many such opportunities will crop up. For these reasons, we are requesting prior approval for the expenditure of up to \$30.00 per month for this purpose should another such proposal be made.

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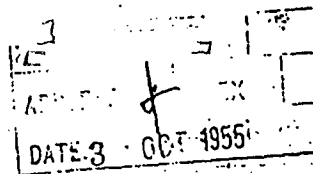
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